

SOUTH AFRICA

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



South Africa: Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Open to: All students who have completed at least one WGS course

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Cape Town, South Africa — The Women and Gender Studies program in Cape Town, South Africa combines a strong academic program with service to the community. The program, provided in partnership with the Women's Center, focuses on women and gender issues in the region and explores global feminist perspectives. Participants examine how issues such as reproductive health, education, violence, political representation and Apartheid have intersected to impact the role of women within various societal and class structures.

The substantial service-learning component is provided through SHAWCO, a non-governmental organization based in Cape Town. SHAWCO has years of experience guiding students in their work with adults and children in one of six local township centers that focus on education, health, social and community issues. This format allows students to move beyond the classroom and become a part of the communities they are studying.

In addition to service learning and academic lectures, students will experience the Cape of Good Hope, Boulders National Park, the District Six Museum, the Iziko Slave Museum, Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, and an overnight stay at a private game reserve. Students may also tour Soweto and visit the Apartheid Museum, Hector Peterson Memorial and the Nelson Mandela House in Johannesburg.

[South Africa WGS Flickr](#)

[Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

May 09 - June 17, 2018 (5.5 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will stay in a privately run residence in rooms shared with other GVSU students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Open to all students who have completed at least one WGS course. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.

GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to [non-GVSU students](#).

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): February 1, 2018

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#)

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for six (6) credits:

WGS 358: Women and Gender in South Africa(3 credits) **AND**

WGS 493: Community Collaborative in South Africa (3 Credits)

Language of instruction: English

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$4,191.

Includes

- Round-trip airfare from Grand Rapids
- Breakfasts, some lunches and dinners
- Housing
- Field trips and fees
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition - 6 credits (\$3,150)
- Vaccinations (\$500)
- Additional meals (\$320)
- Personal expenses (\$200)
- Passport/photos (\$140)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$8,529

FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “**Study Abroad**” in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

GRANTS

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (up to \$1,500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

WGS JEAN ENRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,000): This scholarship was designed to support an upper-level Women Gender Studies major or minor at GVSU. ***PLEASE NOTE*** Students applying to the 2018 South Africa WGS program should apply for this scholarship by March 1, 2018. For details [click here](#)

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186>

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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[Meet the Director!](#)

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